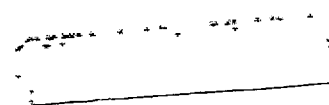


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Angela Rodgers



Feb 20, 2019

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you. Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

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Energy is the only power company here and that is not fair to be able charge customers \$28.00 a month in HIDDEN FEES and the fixed cost from \$8.29 to \$28.00--that is not right. Duke Energy already overcharges customers and sometimes 2 and 3 times on different statements for different months. When you question the charges, you(the customer) are always wrong, Duke Energy does not make mistakes---that is what you are told. No wonder more and more people are going Solar. Please do not let the tripling of the HIDDEN mandatory fees go up to \$28.00 a month. If you do, that means that your power bill goes up too. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Angela Rodgers